

# Coronagraph Design for the WFIRST CGI

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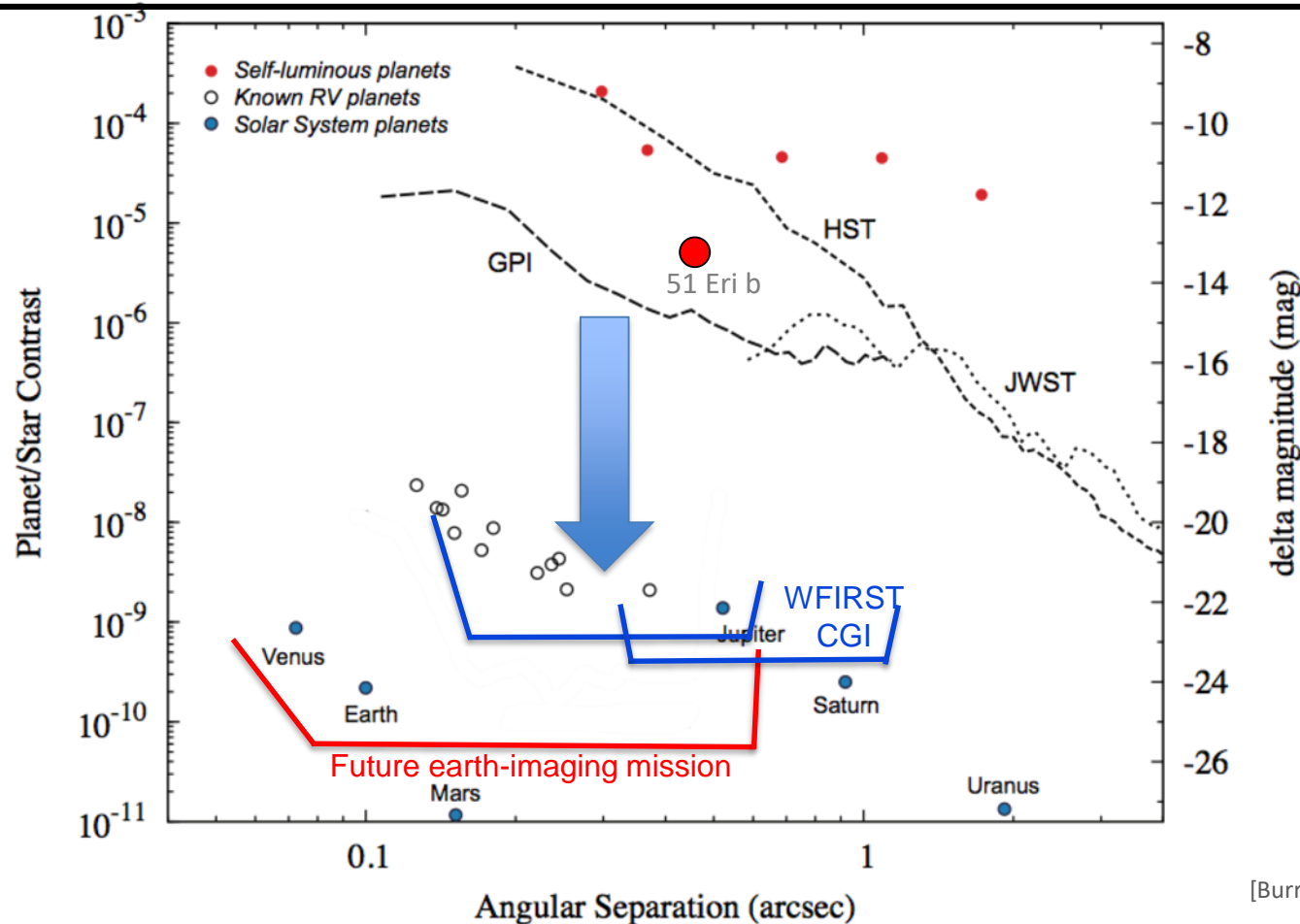
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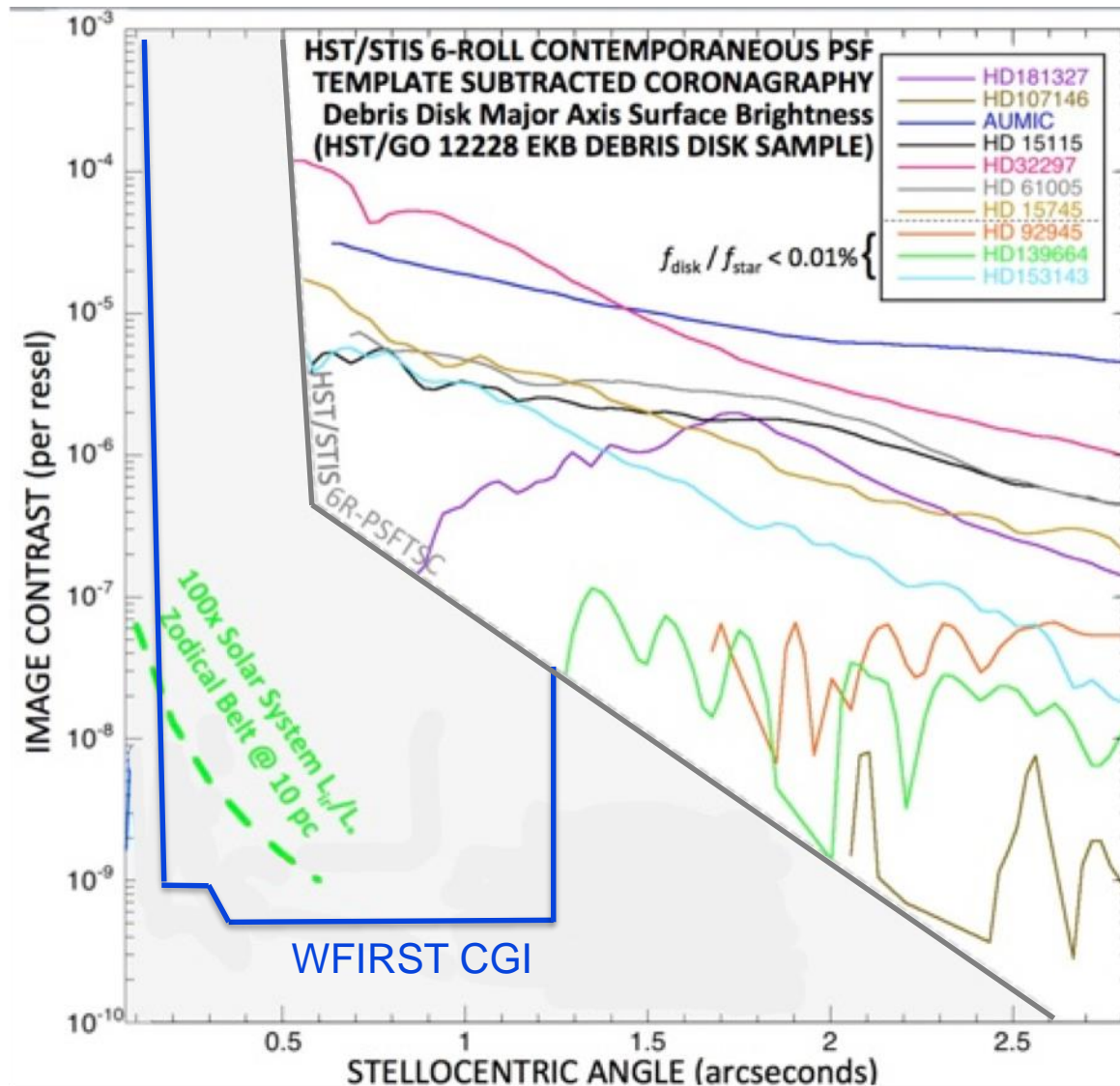
## WFIRST Coronagraph Instrument (CGI)

- Launch in 2026
- $\approx 10^{-9}$  raw contrast from 150-1200 mas
- Visible-light imaging and spectroscopy for cold gas-giant exoplanets & inner debris disks

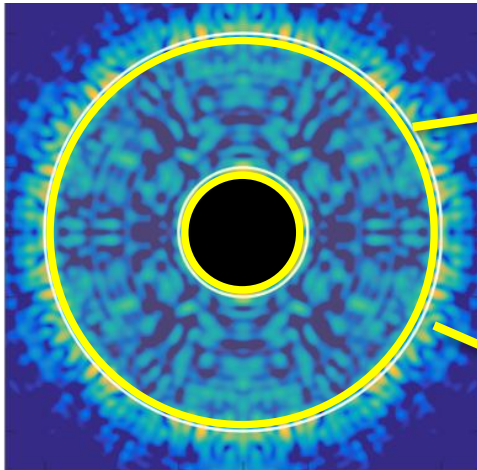




# New Disk Science with WFIRST

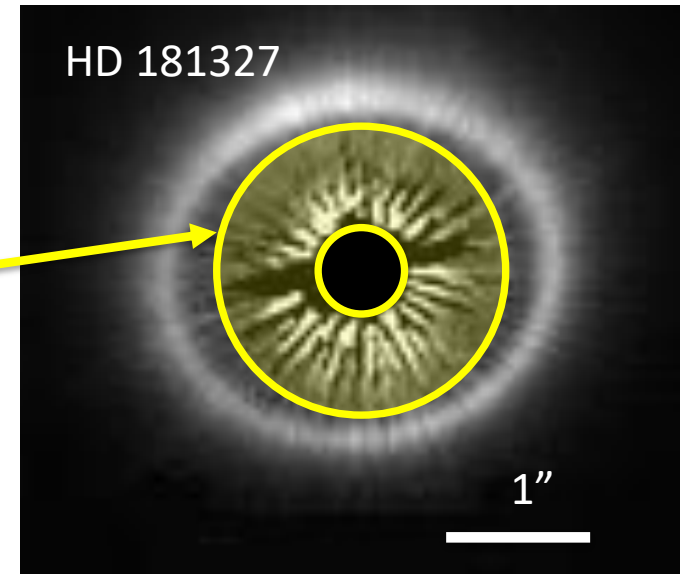


WFIRST CGI

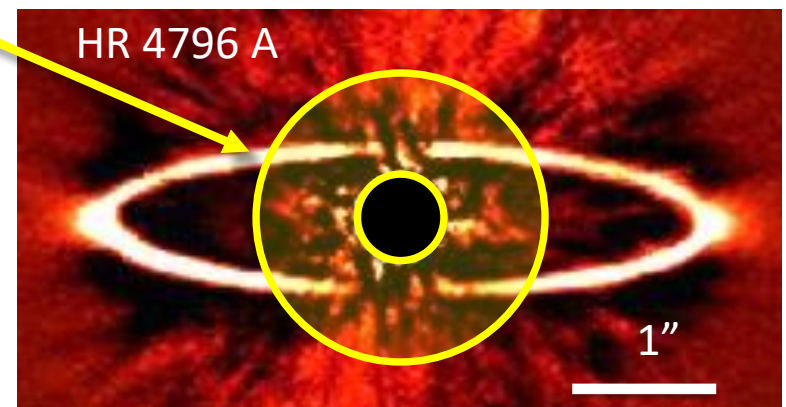


- 1.9" FOV in V band
- 10% spectral bandwidth
- $\sim 10^{-9}$  raw contrast

HST STIS



VLT SPHERE



# Coronagraph Design

- Goals:**
- Maximize the science yield.
  - Minimize risk.

## Design Parameters

### Sensitivities to:

- Pointing jitter
- Wavefront jitter (coma, astig, focus)
- Primary mirror polarization
- Mask misalignment

### Performance Metrics

- Contrast
- Throughput
- Spectral Bandwidth
- Field of View (IWA, OWA, angle)

### Mask Properties

- Mask shapes
- Mask materials

Coronagraph Optimizer

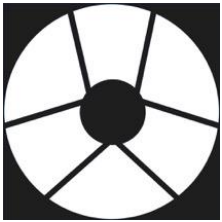
Masks



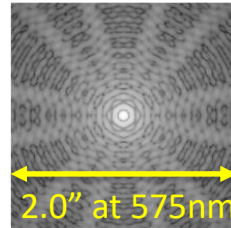
by contrast, etc.

# Types of WFIRST CGI Mode

WFIRST pupil

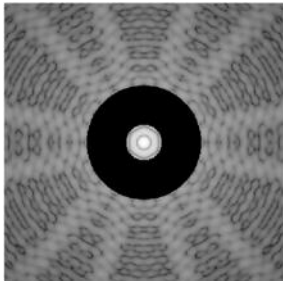


Nominal PSF



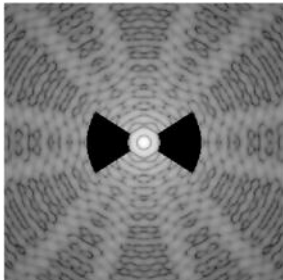
- **3 modes** to achieve science goals:

(Notional dark holes)



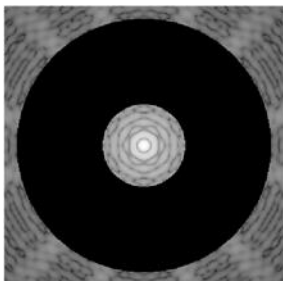
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- 10% BW, 360° FOV, 3-10  $\lambda_0/D$
- ~4% core throughput



2. **Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)** for IFS: *exoplanet spectroscopy*

- 18% BW, 2x65° FOV, 2.8-8.8  $\lambda_0/D$ , lower sensitivities
- ~4% core throughput



3. **Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC):** *outer disk imaging*

- 10% BW, 360° FOV, 5.5-20  $\lambda_0/D$
- 5.5% core throughput
- Trauger et al. JATIS 2016
- Riggs SPIE 2014
- Zimmerman, Riggs, et al. JATIS 2016

# Coronagraph ?

Chronograph







# The WFIRST Coronagraphs

## Shaped Pupil Lyot Coronagraph (SPC):

Zimmerman, Riggs et al. 2016

Shaped Pupil



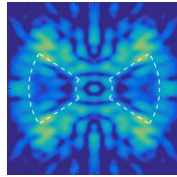
Hard-Edge FPM



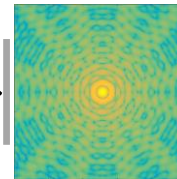
Lyot Stop



Stellar PSF



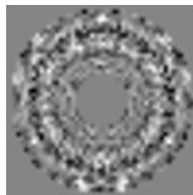
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## Hybrid Lyot Coronagraph (HLC):

Trauger et al. 2016

DM1



DM2



Complex FPM



Phase

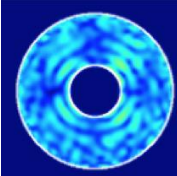


Amplitude

Lyot Stop



Stellar PSF



Large DM stroke as part of nominal design.

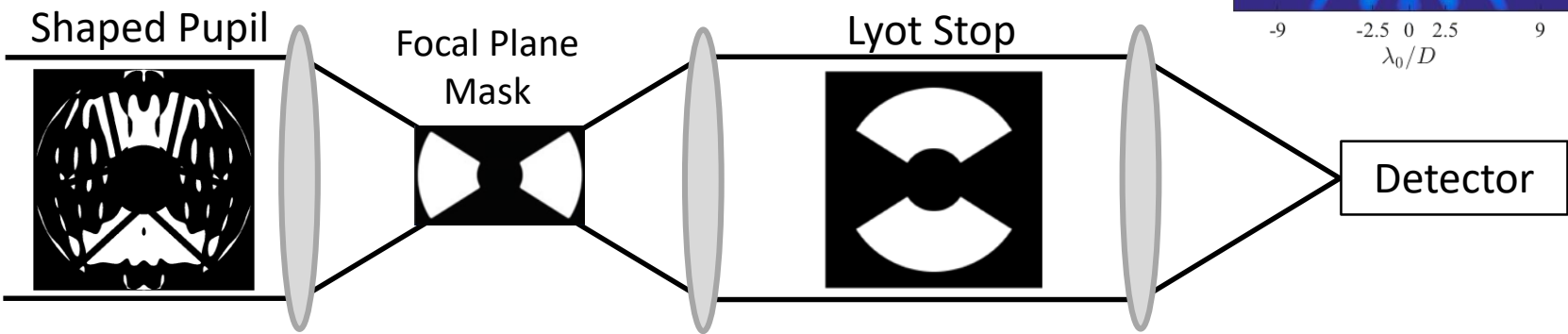
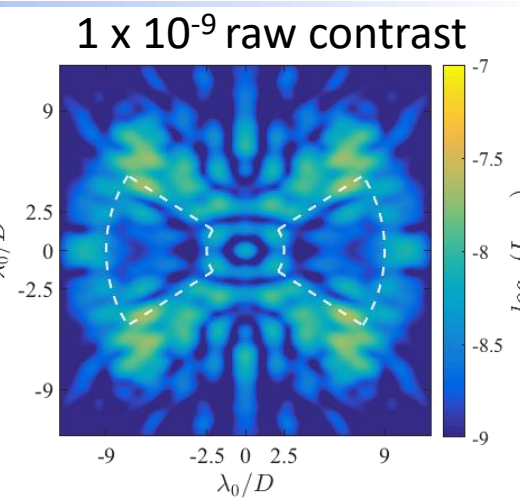
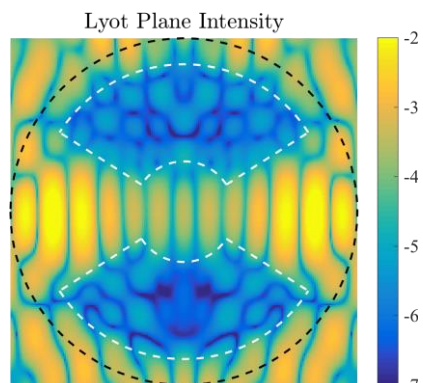
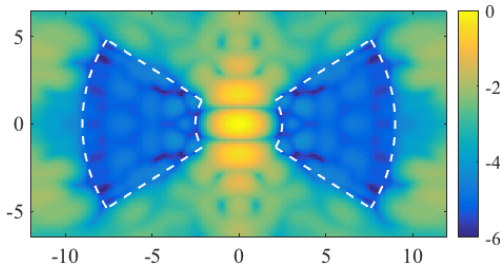
## Benefits of Each Coronagraph (complementary):

- **HLC**: Full **FOV**, fewer masks, easier **alignment**
- **SPC**: Broader **bandwidth**, better aber. **sensitivities** (esp. **PM pol.**), lower risk with DMs

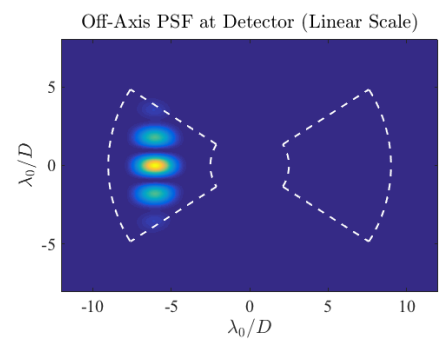
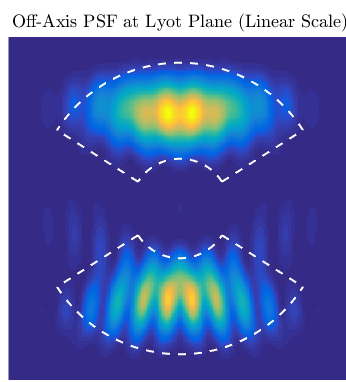
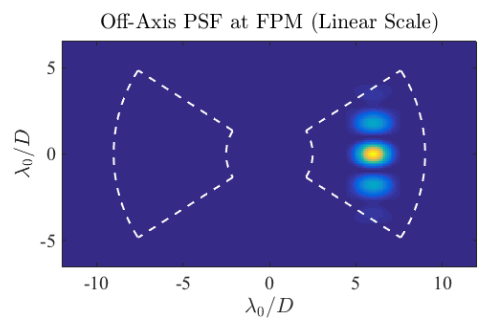


# Shaped Pupil Lyot Coronagraph

On-Axis  
Starlight



Off-Axis  
Planet Light



# Ongoing Work: Hybridized Designs

Pupil

DM1

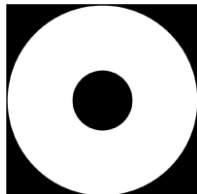
DM2

Shaped  
Pupil

FPM

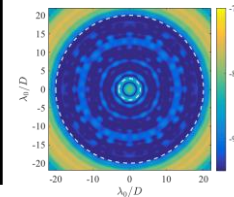
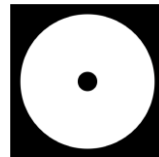
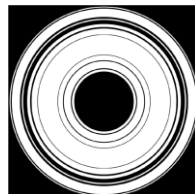
Lyot Stop

Stellar  
PSF



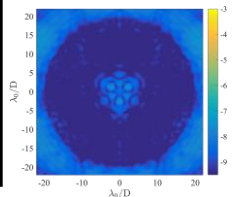
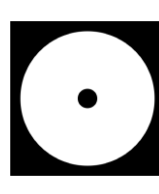
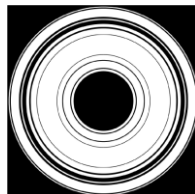
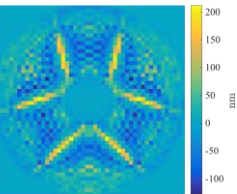
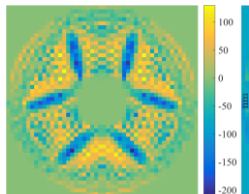
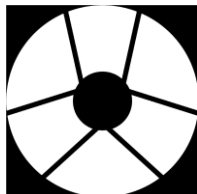
flat

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$4 \times 10^{-10}$  contrast  
**9.6% throughput**  
 $3.1 - 19.7 \lambda/D$   
 10% bandwidth

*Step 1: Perform grid search to find best 1-D radial solution.*



$4 \times 10^{-10}$  contrast  
**~5% throughput**  
 $3.1 - 19.7 \lambda/D$   
 10% bandwidth

*Step 2: Use DMs to suppress diffraction from struts.*

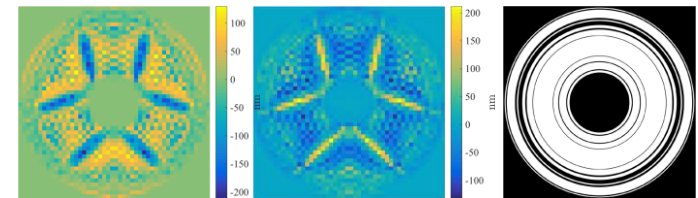
DMs mitigate the struts' diffraction more efficiently than the shaped pupil mask

➤ Better achievable throughput, IWA, and/or contrast

# Summary



- WFIRST CGI will revolutionize direct imaging
  - First cool exoplanet images and spectra
  - First visible, scattered-light images of exozodiacal dust
  - First high-contrast coronagraph in space with active optics
- Design work is focused on
  - New numerical design methods
  - Increasing science yield
    - Improving performance and robustness



# Backup Slides



# HLCs for Future Telescopes

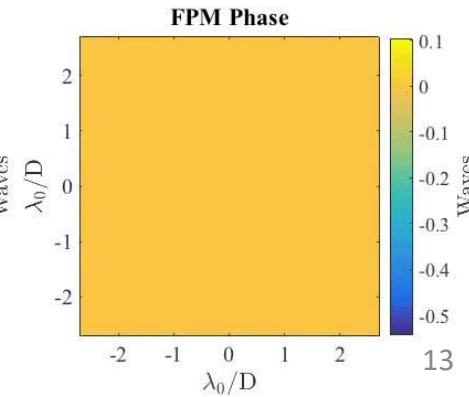
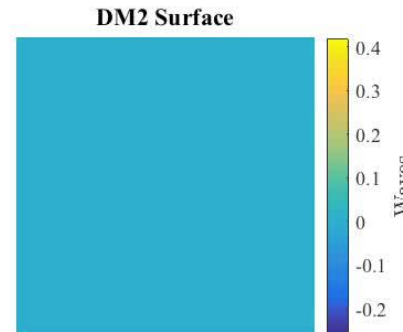
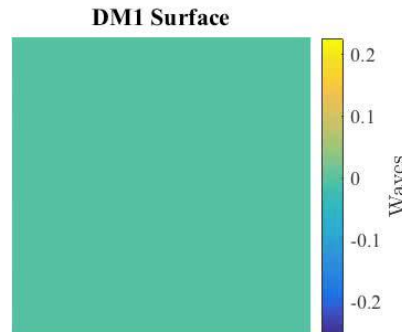
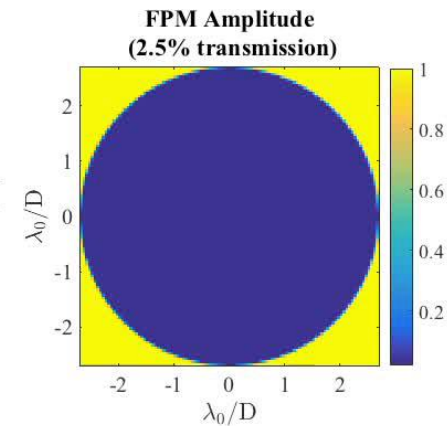
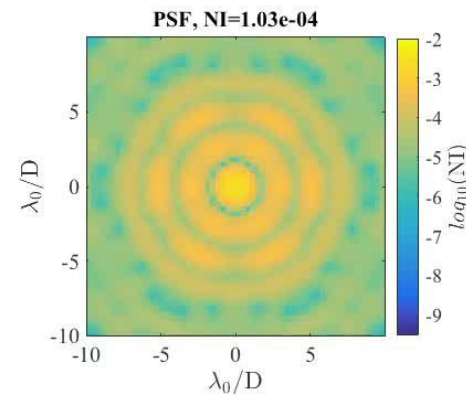
- The future of coronagraph design is **numerical optimization**.
  - Because of sensitivities and obstructed pupils.
- Hybrid Lyot Coronagraphs (**HLCs**) are
  - Manufacturable
  - High performance
  - Tunable
- Need a **fast code** for HLC design surveys...

**FALCO:**  
**F**ast  
**L**inearized  
**C**oronagraph  
**O**ptimizer

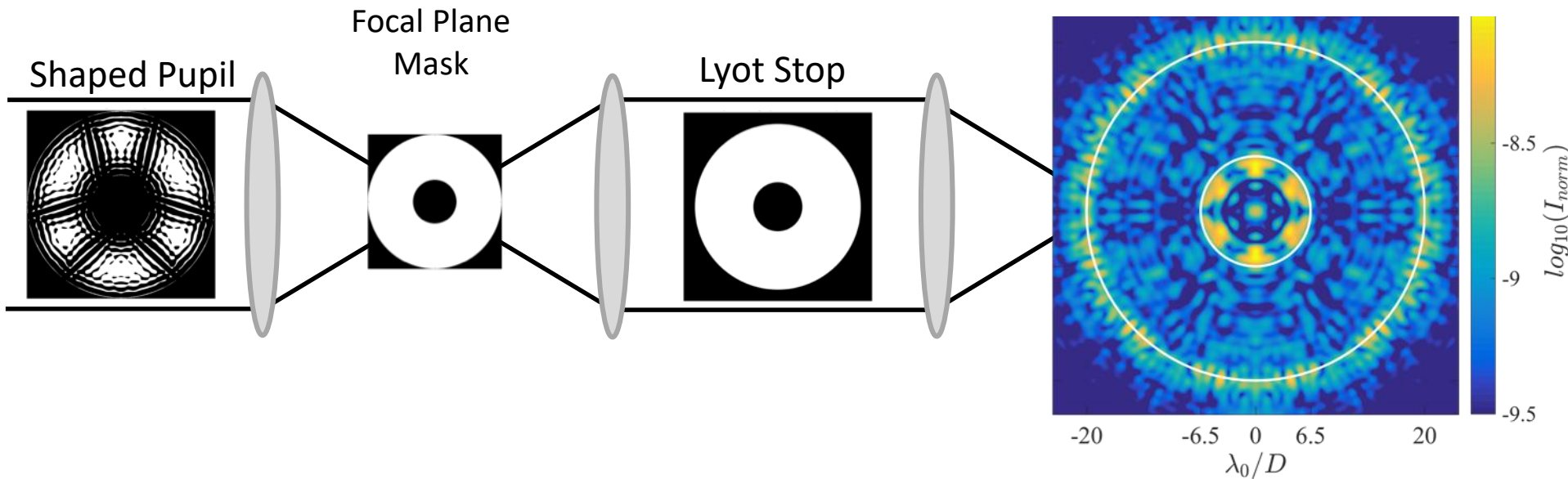
Iteration 0

NI = 1.03e-04

10% Broadband



## 2017 Design A



### Specs:

- $6.5 \times 10^{-10}$  contrast (**5x better**)
- $r=0.33$ - $1.0''$  FOV (in V band)
- 10% Broadband
- Core throughput = 5.5%

# Planned Design Pipeline

## 1) SPLC-IFS Optimization Code

Python wrapper

Done

Grid search over  
design variables.

AMPL  
base  
code

Masks  
from each  
design

## 2) Rapid Optical Simulator (MATLAB)

Simulate effects of:

Nearly Done

- 1) **Tip/tilt:** jitter and stellar size
- 2) Differential **polarization** wavefronts.
- 3) [Later] **Empirical fudge factor**
  - From empirical (Monte Carlo) simulations of misalignments & aberrations.

Tables: Raw contrast,  
throughput, core area

Optimization code modifications

## 4) Human Review

- Look for highest yield designs.
- Learn why some planets are missed, and adjust design strategy to get them.

Exposure times &  
# of Spectra

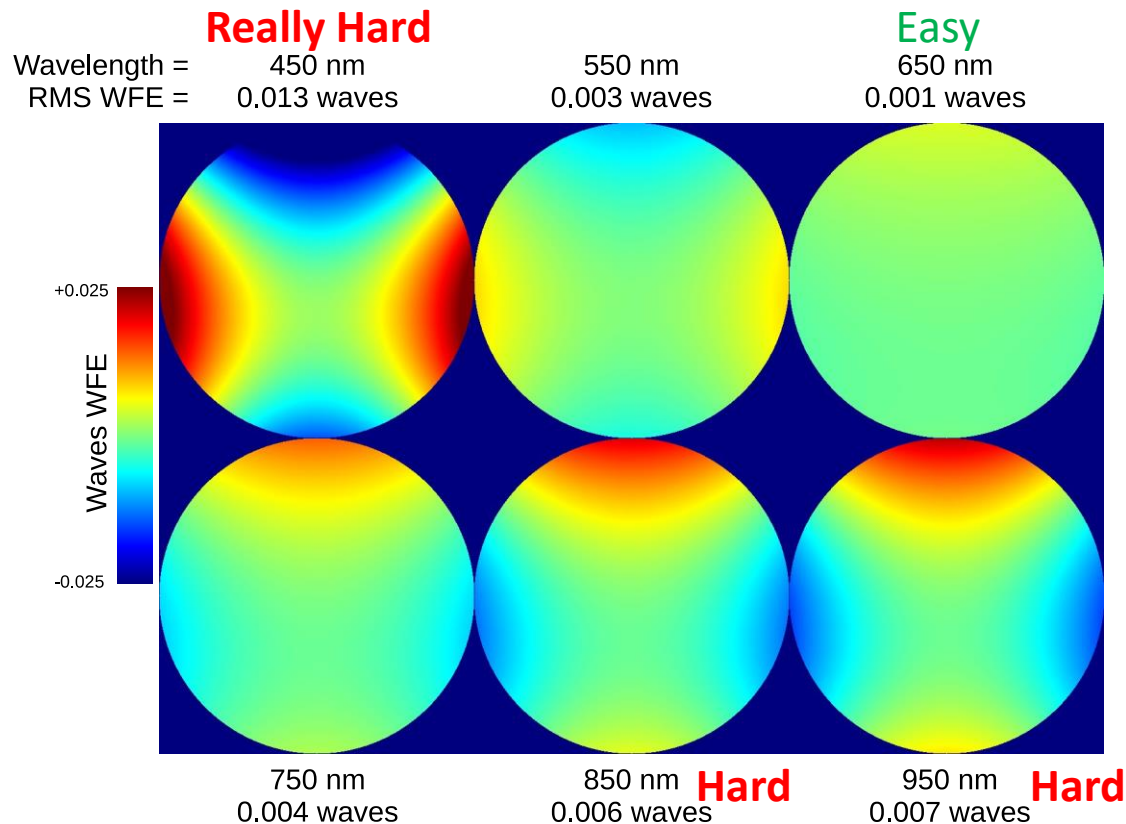
## 3) Bijan's RV Planet Exposure Time Calculator (MATLAB)

Nearly Done

Vary input planet parameters.

➤ The polarization from the primary mirror is a **MAJOR** design constraint.

## Cycle 6 Polarization: $WFE_Y - WFE_X$



*This figure was already cleared in John Krist's presentation "Digging A Dark Hole: Models" in April 2016.*

- Differential polarization is mostly astigmatism
  - Negligible near 600nm → **HLC**
  - Huge WFE far from 600nm → **SPC, or HLC+polarizer**
- Huge influence on our operational modes



# HLC Sensitivities

**Note:** Band 1 moved to 508nm for less telescope polarization.

Wavelength →

$\lambda_c = 470 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_c = 550 \text{ nm}$

$\lambda_c = 800 \text{ nm}$

Single polarization    All polarizations

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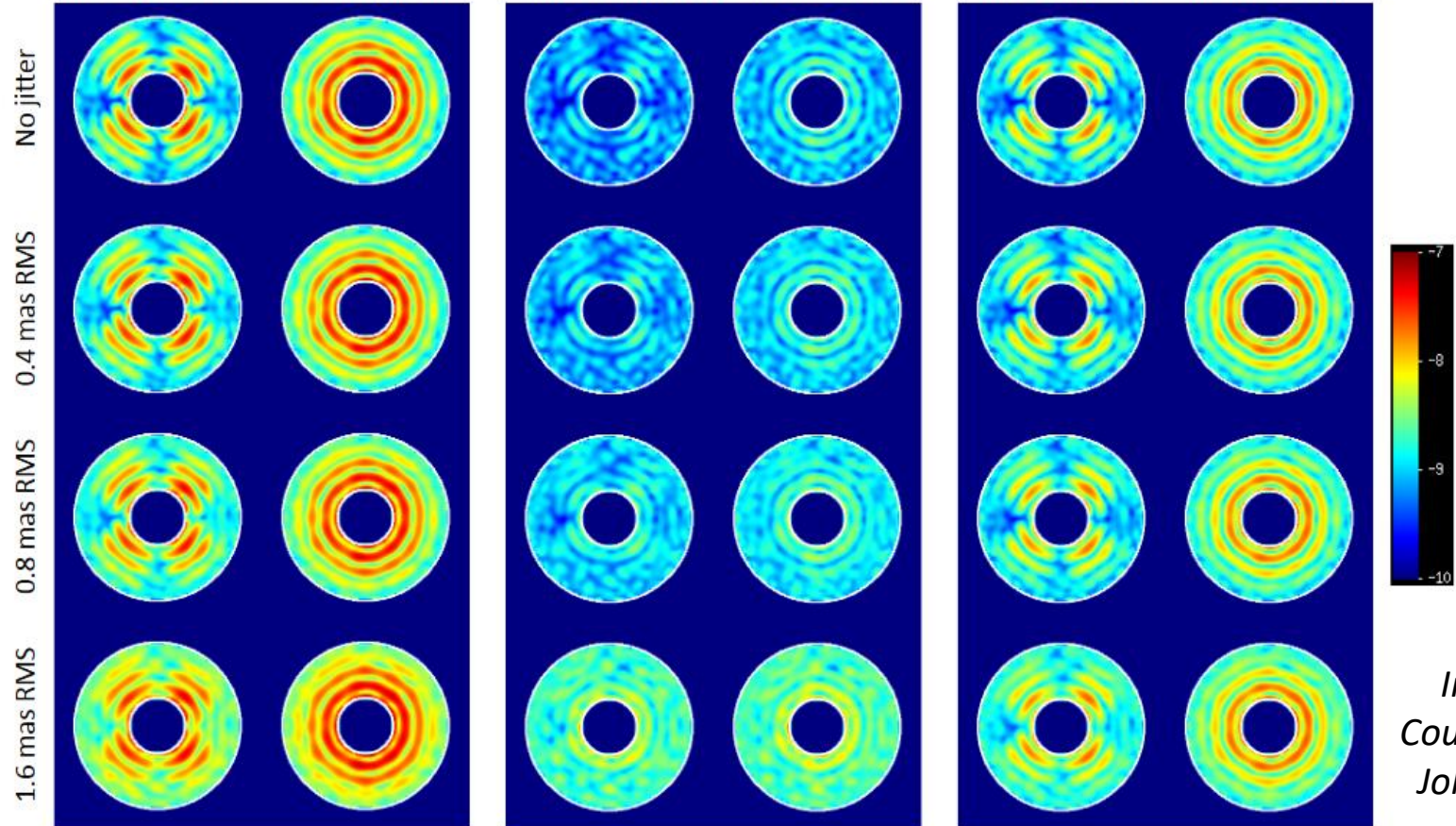


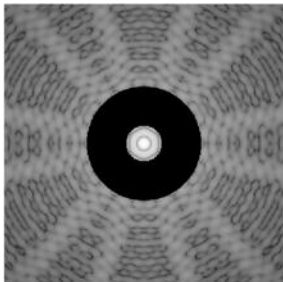
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Courtesy of  
John Krist

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- **Outside V-band, HLC better with analyzer.**
- Analyzer helps, but pol. cross-term still degrades contrast

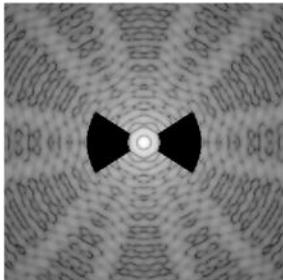
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- To overcome **pupil obscurations** and **aberration sensitivities** and to **achieve science goals**, need **3 types of operating modes**:



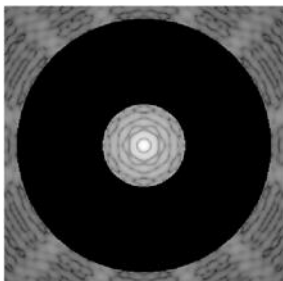
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- Full 360° FOV
- Small IWA
- Fewest masks (= lower complexity & cost)



2. **Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)** for IFS: *exoplanet spectroscopy*

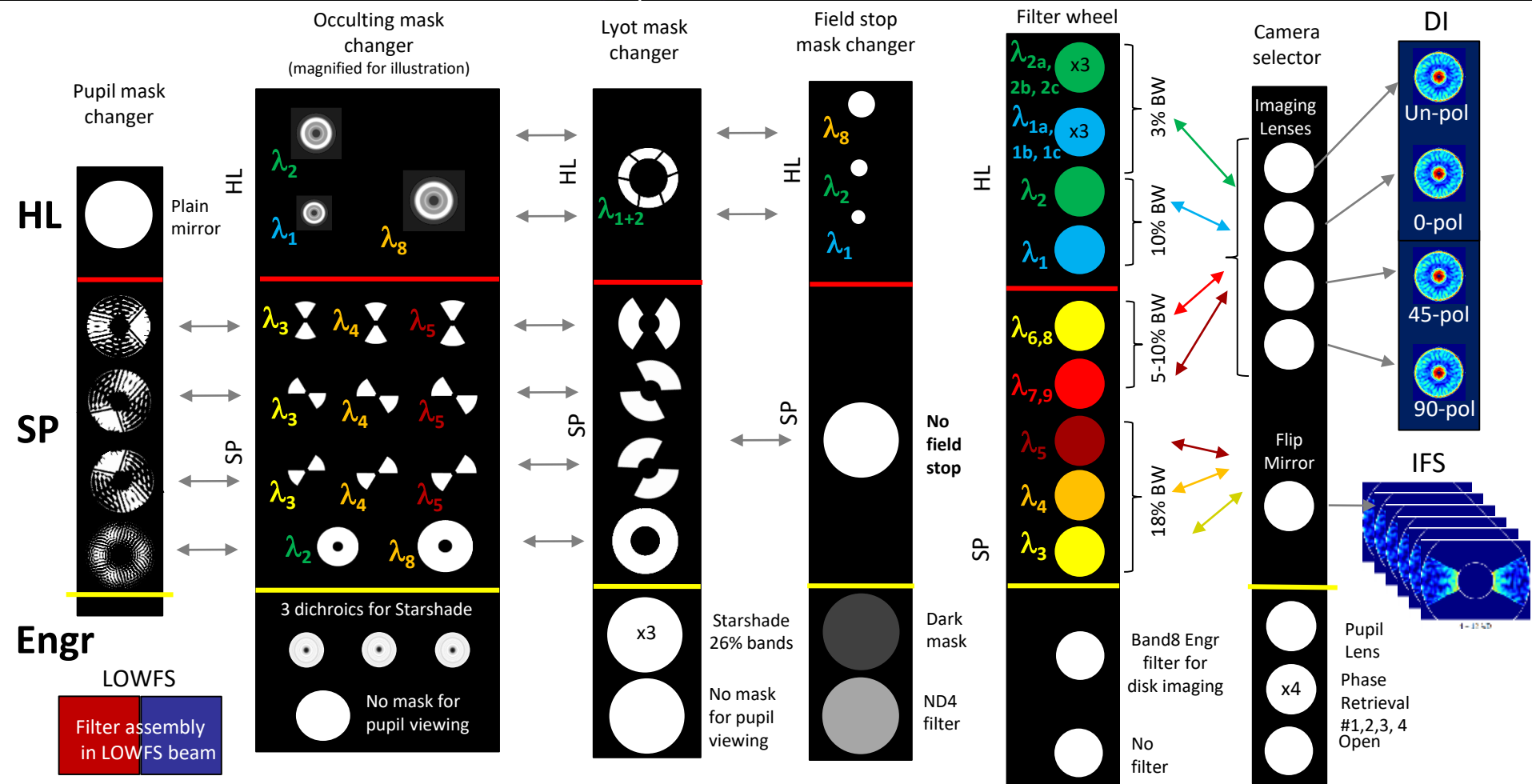
- 18% BW (for spectra)
- Small IWA
- Lower aberration sensitivities



3. **Shaped Pupil Coronagraph (SPC)**: *disk imaging*

- Full 360° FOV
- Largest OWA

## CGI Filter Wheel Populations



$\lambda_1 = 508\text{nm}$

$\lambda_2 = 575\text{nm}$

$\lambda_3 = 660\text{nm}$

$\lambda_4 = 770\text{nm}$

$\lambda_5 = 890\text{nm}$

$\lambda_{1a} = 491\text{nm}$

$\lambda_{1c} = 524\text{nm}$

$\lambda_{2a} = 555\text{nm}$

$\lambda_{2b} = 594\text{nm}$

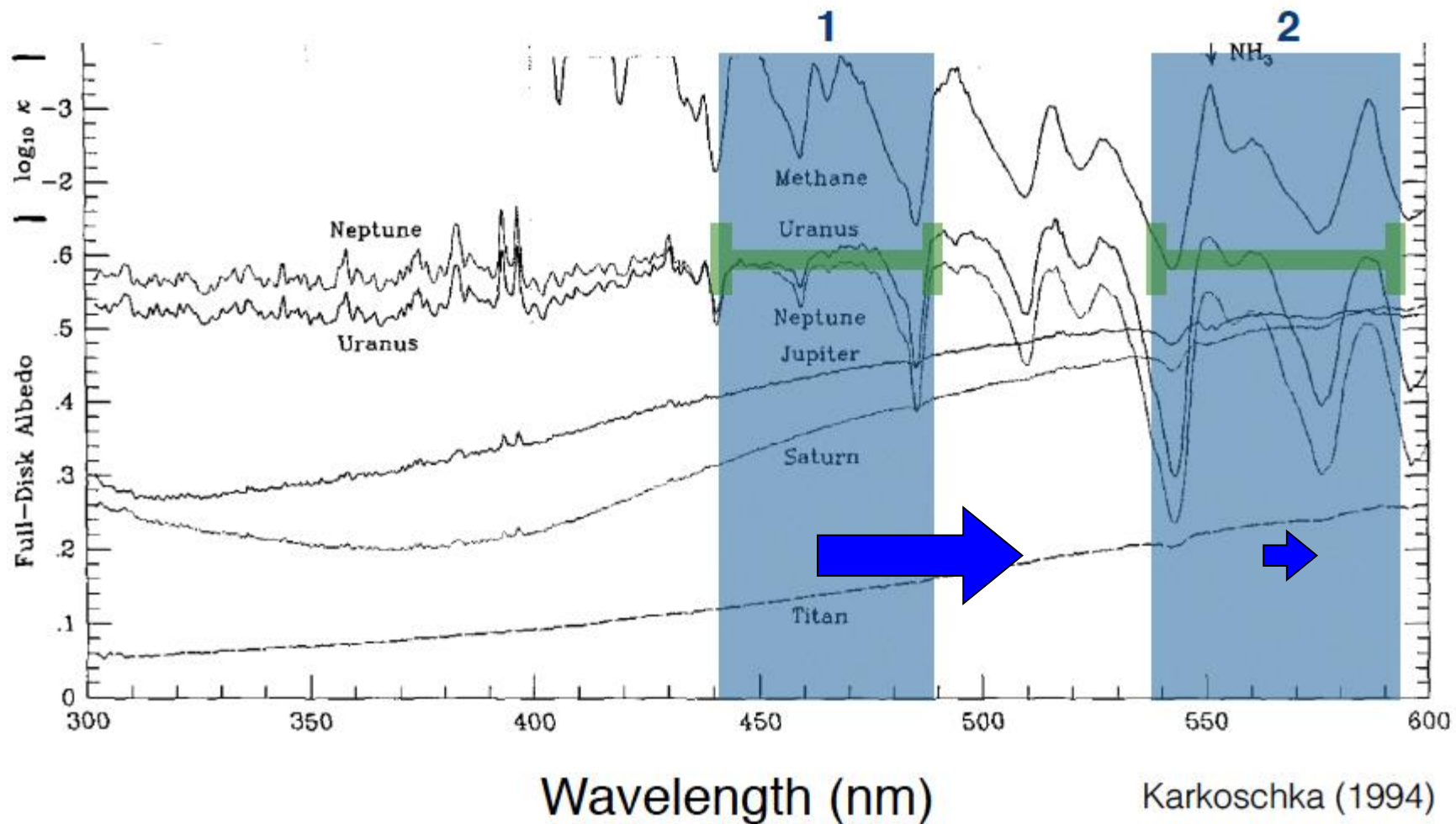
$\lambda_6 = 661\text{nm}$

$\lambda_8 = 721\text{nm}$

$\lambda_7 = 883\text{nm}$

$\lambda_9 = 950\text{nm}$

# CGI Science Bands 1 and 2

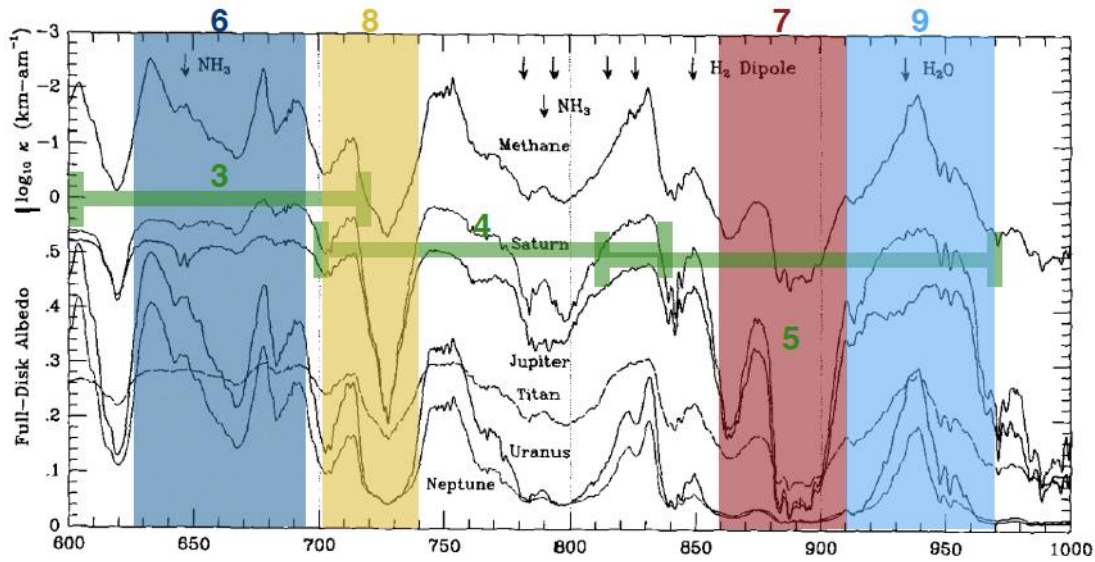


- Bands 1 & 2 shifted to longer wavelength because polarization WFE is too strong at B-band.





# CGI Science Bands



NOTE: No polarizers or field stops in IFS channel.

CGI Bands	$\lambda_{\text{center}}$ (nm)	BW	Science Purpose	Imager or IFS	Coronagraph Type	Can Use Polarizer (for Science)	Must Use Polarizer (for Aberrations)
1	508	10%	continuum, Rayleigh	Imager	HLC	X	X (HLC)
2	575	10%	continuum, Rayleigh	Imager	HLC	X	
3	660	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
4	770	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
5	890	18%	CH4 spectrum	IFS	SPC		
6	661	10%	CH4, continuum	Imager	SPC	X	X (HLC)
7	883	5%	CH4, absorption	Imager	SPC	X	
8	721	5%	CH4 quantification	Imager	SPC (& HLC?)	X	
9	950	6%	water detection	Imager	SPC	X	